

REMARKS

In the specification, the paragraph from page 8, lines 20-24 has been amended to include language from page 34, lines 11-21 of pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/412,822 which was filed on October 5, 1999, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention, and incorporated by reference on page 8, lines 25-29 of the present specification. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13-14, 16-17, 20-22, and 24-25 are amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Formal Matters

Interview Summary Under 37 C.F.R. §1.133

A telephonic interview occurred between the undersigned, Jodi Hartman, and Examiner Basehoar on June 22, 2004. The interview covered the rejection of claims 1 and 1, 13, and 20 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,896,321 to Miller et al. (hereinafter "Miller"). The Examiner indicated that the rejection of claims 1, 13, and 20 was not being withdrawn at that time, but the Examiner agreed with proposed claim language that would overcome the cited reference. However, the Examiner stated that further consideration and search would be needed if the claims were amended to include the suggested claim language.

II. Claim Rejections

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-9 and 11-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Miller. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As amended, claim 1 recites that a method for correcting text input into a text document comprises submitting an erroneous text component to a correction scope model to determine if a scope of correction should be adjusted, and if the correction scope

model determines the scope of correction should be adjusted, then receiving from the correction scope model a text unit that includes the erroneous text component and at least one adjacent text component.

Miller does not disclose a method for correcting text input into a text document as recited by claim 1. On the contrary, Miller discloses a method for obtaining a prioritized list of word predictions for a partial data entry including monitoring the receipt of a string of characters into a program module; determining whether a partial data entry satisfies search criteria such as, for example, a minimum number of characters; if so, obtaining a prioritized list of word predictions from the word prediction system; determining whether the obtained word predictions satisfy display criteria such as, for example, a minimum number of additional characters more than the partial data entry; and if so, displaying the word predictions in priority order in a list box on the LCD display. This is not analogous to the method recited by claim 1 because Miller fails to disclose submitting the partial data entry to a correction scope model to determine if a scope of correction should be adjusted, and if the correction scope model determines the scope of correction should be adjusted, then receiving from the correction scope model a text unit that includes the partial data entry and at least one adjacent partial data entry. Instead, Miller discloses determining whether the partial data entry includes at least a predefined number of characters and whether the obtained word predictions include at least a predefined number of additional characters more than the partial data entry, without suggesting submitting the partial data entry to a correction scope model to determine if the scope of correction needs to be adjusted, and if so, then receiving a text unit including the partial data entry and at least one adjacent partial data entry.

For at least the reasons given above, Miller does not anticipate claim 1. Since claims 2-9 and 11-12 depend from claim 1 and recite additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that Miller does not anticipate Applicants' claimed invention as embodied in claims 2-9 and 11-12 for at least these reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

As amended, claim 13 recites that a method for correcting text input into a text document comprises submitting the erroneous text component to a correction scope

model to determine if a scope of correction should be adjusted, and if the correction scope model determines the scope of correction should be adjusted, then receiving from the correction scope model a text unit that includes the erroneous text component and at least one adjacent text component.

Miller does not disclose a method for correcting text input into a text document as recited by claim 13. Instead, as discussed above, Miller discloses a method for obtaining a prioritized list of word predictions for a partial data entry including determining whether a partial data entry satisfies search criteria such as, for example, a minimum number of characters; if so, obtaining a prioritized list of word predictions from the word prediction system; determining whether the obtained word predictions satisfy display criteria such as, for example, a minimum number of additional characters more than the partial data entry; and if so, displaying the word predictions in priority order in a list box on the LCD display. This is not analogous to the method recited by claim 13 because Miller fails to disclose submitting the partial data entry to a correction scope model to determine if a scope of correction should be adjusted, and if the correction scope model determines the scope of correction should be adjusted, then receiving from the correction scope model a text unit that includes the partial data entry and at least one adjacent partial data entry.

For at least the reasons given above, Miller does not anticipate claim 13. Since claims 14-19 depend from claim 13 and recite additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that Miller does not anticipate Applicants' claimed invention as embodied in claims 14-19 for at least these reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

As amended, claim 20 recites that a method for correcting text input into a text document comprises submitting the erroneous text component to a correction scope model to determine if a scope of correction should be adjusted, and if the correction scope model determines the scope of correction should be adjusted, then receiving from the correction scope model a text unit that includes the erroneous text component and at least one adjacent text component.

Miller does not disclose a method for correcting text input into a text document as recited by claim 20. In contrast, as discussed above, Miller discloses determining whether the partial data entry includes at least a predefined number of characters (search criteria) and whether the obtained word predictions include at least a predefined number of additional characters more than the partial data entry (display criteria), without suggesting submitting the partial data entry to a correction scope model to determine if the scope of correction needs to be adjusted, and if so, then receiving a text unit including the partial data entry and at least one adjacent partial data entry.

For at least the reasons given above, Miller does not anticipate claim 20. Since claims 21-27 depend from claim 20 and recite additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that Miller does not anticipate Applicants' claimed invention as embodied in claims 21-27 for at least these reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller in view of United States Patent No. 6,438,523 to Oberteuffer et al. (hereinafter "Oberteuffer"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

For at least the reasons stated above, claim 1 is patentable over Miller. Since claim 10 depends from claim 1 and recites additional features, Applicants respectfully submit that the combined teaching of Miller and Oberteuffer does not make obvious claim 10. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

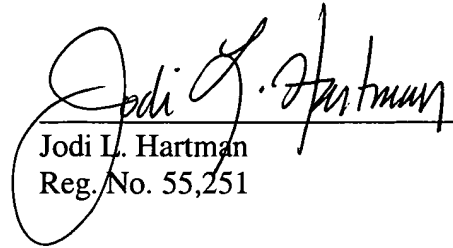
For at least these reasons, Applicants assert that the pending claims 1-27 are in condition for allowance. Applicants further assert that this response addresses each and every point of the final Office Action, and respectfully request that the Examiner pass

this application with claims 1-27 to allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at 404.954.5042.

Respectfully submitted,

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